



Arkansas Post National Memorial

Calendar of Events 2011



NATIONAL PARK WEEK APRIL 16 – 23

April 16 -Colbert’s Raid: 228th Anniversary Join park staff, volunteers, and representatives from the Sons of the American Revolution from 10 AM to 2 PM for a memorial to those who fought in Arkansas’s only Revolutionary War action. A special ceremony and blackpowder demonstrations will held. A walking tour highlighting archaeology at Arkansas Post with Dr. John House from University of Arkansas Pine Bluff will begin at 2 PM.

April 16 - The 4th Annual Digital Photography Contest - To be eligible, photos must be taken within the park boundaries between April 16 and September 5, 2011. There are six categories in both the youth and adult divisions. Contact the park for contest rules and entry form.

April 23 – Bird Watch – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM - a special hike to view the Eagle Nest and children’s birding program will be held. Bring your binoculars. A limited number of children’s binoculars will be for loan on a first come, first serve basis.

May 21 – Civil War Encampment / The Chatfield Story Book Signing – From 10 AM – 1 PM and 2 PM – 3 PM, visit with volunteers dressed as citizens and soldiers from Arkansas Post in January 1863. Park Volunteer Dyan Bohnert will present the program “Civil War Medicine Woman”. In the Visitor Center, Terry M. and Margaret Ann Chatfield McCarty will sign copies of their book, *The Chatfield Story: Civil War Letters and Diaries of Private Edward L. Chatfield of the 113th Illinois Volunteers*. The book signing will be from 10 AM – Noon and 2 PM – 3PM. A special program, “The Adventures of Two Civil War Biographers” will be at 1 PM in the theater. In the event of rain, the encampment will be moved into the Visitor Center. The event is free; registration is not required.

FAMILY FUN DAYS EVERY SATURDAY THIS SUMMER – 9 AM

June 11 – Reptiles and Amphibians

June 18 - Youth Fishing Derby Try your hand at catching the big one in the Arkansas Post Youth Fishing Derby. Park Lake will be stocked by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission with 300 channel catfish for this event. Prizes will be awarded for the largest catfish landed. Competition is open to youth 12 and under. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. Competition fishing from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Fishing will be open to all ages after the contest.

June 25 – Birds and Mammals

July 16 – Orienteering / Bike Tours

July 2 – Colonial Kids Day

July 23 – Civil War in the Delta

July 9 – Digital Photography Workshop

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Register for these events (except the Fishing Derby) by calling 870-548-2207

Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 21 – July 28 -Trailblazers – Join Teacher Ranger Lindsay Robinson Beaton at 8 AM for a special “couch-potato to 5K” running program. Time completing the program can go towards earning the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. Registration is necessary; call Joe Herron or Lindsay Robinson-Beaton at 870-548-2207.

October 22 – The 17th Ghosts of the Past - Join park staff and volunteers for the annual guided walk through Arkansas History. Living History presentations will portray events from the exploration and settlement of Arkansas Post, Colbert’s Raid, and the Civil War. Tours last approximately one hour. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Arkansas Post National Memorial is located off State Highway 169, approximately 5 miles south of Gillett on Highway 165. The Visitor Center is open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM everyday (excluding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.) Guided tours and programs for groups are available by advance reservation. Admission is free. Park grounds (Trails, Parking, Picnic, and Fishing areas) are open 8:00 AM till dark. Dog’s must remain on leash. Fireworks and Hunting are prohibited on park grounds. Fishing is allowed along the banks of the lakes and bayous. (Arkansas Game & Fish regulations apply.)

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